



INDIAN LAKE (Worcester)

General Information:

This fertile 204-acre warm water pond, also called North Pond, is situated in the northern part of Worcester. It is bounded on the east by Route 12 and I-190 and on the west by Route 122A. A paved boat-launching ramp is provided by the city off of Salisbury Street (Route 122A). The parking area can accommodate approximately 25 cars.

The water is brownish in color with a transparency of only five feet. The mean and maximum depths are eight and 15 feet respectively. The bottom is muck and rock. The shoreline is heavily developed with residential dwellings and commercial buildings.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently studied during a 1996 summer survey. Eleven species were collected including white perch, yellow perch, largemouth bass, golden shiner, black crappies, bluegills, pumpkinseeds, yellow bullheads, brown bullheads, carp and white suckers. Northern pike were captured during other sampling efforts in 1994. The lake has been stocked with northern pike and tiger muskies on a fairly regular basis beginning in 1981.

Fishing:

Game and panfish populations in Indian Lake are abundant. Several tiger muskie and northern pike stockings over the past two decades offer any angler the potential to catch a large trophy. There is also a good largemouth bass population here and sufficient panfish numbers to provide plenty of recreational fishing. There appears to be some improvement in the average size of yellow perch and black crappies since the pike and tigers were introduced, and "calicos" over a pound in weight are commonly taken.

The lake is also a favorite with carp anglers. Most of the carp here appear to be of the "mirror" variety, displaying only a few large scales. They put up an excellent battle and can provide plenty of excitement when hooked on light spinning tackle.

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